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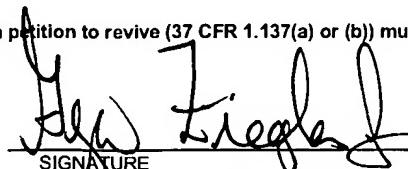
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/010178	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 12 September 2003	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>107527619</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONNECTING OBJECTS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Daniel KAPPES		
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